

REMARKS

In this Response, Applicants amend Claims 1, 4, 12 and 19. Claims 2 and 10 are cancelled. Claim 13 was previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12 and 14-22 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 12, 14-16, and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,775,779 issued to England et al. (“England”).

Applicants amend independent Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable Claim 10 and intervening Claim 2. Claims 2 and 10 are now cancelled. Independent Claims 12 and 19 are similarly amended. Thus, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims, as amended, are patentably distinguishable from England. Accordingly, allowance of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10, 11, 17 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 is cancelled. Applicants submit that the amendment to base Claim 1 has obviated the need to further amend these dependent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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